

**REMARKS**

**Conclusion**

Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out an informality in claim 9, which has been corrected in the attached amendment.

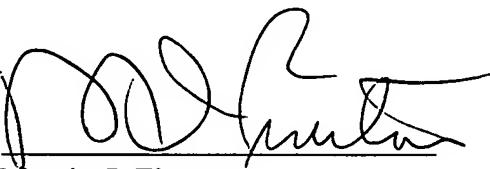
Applicants thank the Examiner for his kind indication that claims 4, 10-13, and 18 contain allowable subject matter. By the attached amendment, claims 2 and 4 have been combined into claim 1, the limitations of original claims 1 and 2 have been added into claim 10 and into claim 12 so that claims 10 and 12 are now rewritten in independent form, and claims 16 and 18 have been combined into claim 14. Due to the abovesaid consolidation of claims, Applicants now believe that currently independent claims 1, 10, 12, and 14 are in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that claims 3 and 5-9 are allowable as depending from claim 1, claim 11 is allowable as depending from claim 10, claim 13 is allowable as depending from claim 12, and claims 15 and 17-20 are allowable as depending from claim 14.

In view of the preceding remarks, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of their application with all of the currently pending claims as amended.

If the Examiner should feel that the application is not yet in a condition for allowance and that a telephone interview would be useful, he is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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